

IVAN & DIANNA RAKETTI



STORY: Dianna Raketti (1945 - 2016) arrived in the Yukon in May 1965 to work at the Belvedere Hotel in Watson Lake. Dianna married Ivan in January 1966 at the Watson Lake Community Hall, a facility built by Ivan with Dianna's help.

Dianna was the Elections Yukon returning officer for 19 years and worked at the Watson Lake Visitor Information Centre for over 25 years. She was an active member of many community associations, a long-standing member of several boards, including the Yukon Foundation.



Ivan Raketti (1939 - 2006) arrived in Watson Lake in 1959 to work with his father, also a building contractor by trade. In 1964 he formed his own company, Raketti Construction. Ivan constructed a number of landmark buildings in Watson Lake, and many other commercial and residential buildings around the Yukon. Ivan was an active member of the Watson Lake Lion's Club. No matter what the occasion, Ivan would be among the first to offer a helping hand.